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Washington, DC 20408

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in response to your undated letter to Dr. Mabel E. Deutrich, Assistant Archivist for the National Archives, in which you state that you are making a Freedom of Information Act appeal of a denial made by her on December 10, 1976.

As Dr. Deutrich stated in her letter to you, the information which you are seeking appears to fall within the purview of the Central Intelligence Agency. For that reason your request was referred to the CIA, and they were asked to respond directly to you.

Dr. Deutrich's letter of December 10, 1976, informing you that your request had been forwarded to the CIA for response was not a denial under the Freedom of Information Act. Since no initial denial has been made, your Freedom of Information Act appeal is not valid under the provisions of the Act. If the CIA should make a Freedom of Information Act denial in response to the request which we have forwarded to them, any appeal you may wish to make should be submitted to the CIA.

Sincerely,

James E. O'Neill

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Deputy Archivist
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